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Chicago, July 26. 1915

Mr. Edw. T. Newell

Halesite, L.I.

My dear Mr. Newell:

I am much pleased at your appreciation of my "Cameo of the Empress" as far as you have read it and hope it will not disappoint you as you proceed. It may perhaps interest you to know that I have started a new novel the scenes of which are laid in ancient Egypt under Pharaoh Merneptah of the XIX. dynasty.

As to the "Pre-Imperial Coinage" I hope Mr. Howland and the third member will look at it in the same favorable light as you do. About my remuneration, I have told you that my work is a labor of love, but as a professional writer a royalty would not be unwelcome. I leave this, however, entirely to your board and shall be satisfied with whatever proposition they shall make me, as I am principally interested in the work reaching the students and collectors interested.

It ought to take the place of the somewhat obsolete French Babelon in America and other English-speaking countries and, considering the prices of other books of similar character, \$5.00 would certainly not be too much for the volume. Considering its value as a reference work and manual it ought to go in every good library outside of numismatic circles and I think that a first edition of 500 copies could readily be disposed of. In fact, I am conservative in naming this quantity.

Very sincerely yours

S. Krausz



152 PURCHASE STREET

September 3, 1915.

American Numismatic Society
156 Street West of Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Conforming with your request for an estimate on the cost of printing the book on "Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome". We have counted the manuscript line for line, and estimate it will make 184 pages, if printed in the size of type and type-page of the "Catalogue of the International Medallion Exhibition"; for 500 copies of this size and number of pages printed on Berkshire Text paper, as the catalogue you sent, sewed back and paper cover glued, we estimate the cost to be between \$550 and \$600, if there are no plates in the text. For each insert on coated paper tipped in, the additional cost will be approximately \$9.00.

If the cuts are to be printed in the text, the paper will, of course, be a smooth finish paper like the Journal paper, and the number of pages will be increased in proportion as you add few or many cuts. Not being able to determine the size or number of the cuts, I cannot say how many pages the book would make with the cuts included, but for 184 pages the approximate cost will be \$650-\$700, or approximately \$3.90 per page, as against approximately \$3.30 per page for the rough paper edition. For each additional page over the 184, the cost of the edition with the cuts in the text will be approximately \$3.75 per page.

This is as close an approximation as I can give you of the cost of the manuscript printed with the cuts on the same page as the text.

You will note my price is for paper covered books, and if the Society wishes any, or all of the books bound in an ordinary good cloth binding, lettered in gold, not more than three lines on the back, the cost will be approximately 12-15¢ additional for each such copy so bound.

Trusting that these figures will give you an idea of the cost, and that we may be favored with your order, I remain,

Very truly yours,

GRM/HP

T. R. Marvin

THE HORNET

A CRITICAL REVIEW OF WAR AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

PUBLISHED AND EDITED BY

SIGMUND KRAUSZ

332 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, ROOM 2042

CHICAGO

September 7. 1915

Mr. Howland Wood

New York

My dear Mr. Howland:

I do not know whether you remember our meeting at the convention of the A.N.A. in Rochester, but at any rate I wish to recall myself to you in relation to my Manuscript, "The Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome" which Mr. Newell has turned over to you after having carefully read it.

Some time has passed since Mr. Newell has informed me of this and I write you now in order to find out whether my work has impressed you in the same favorable way as it did Mr. Newell. I sincerely hope that it will meet with your approval and that the board of the A.N.S. will decide to have my work printed under its auspices.

Hoping to hear from you soon about this, I remain with fraternal greeting

Yours very sincerely

Sigmund Krausz

September 16th, 1915.

Mr. Sigmund Krausz,
Room 2042,
332 S. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Krausz:-

Your manuscript has been in my possession some time, having been turned over to me by Mr. Newell. I have gotten figures from two different printers, and have the full material ready to lay before the Council when they meet this fall, as this is a matter of considerable expenditure in publishing, it is something that the Council will have to decide about.. I will communicate with you later.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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September
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1915.

The American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Ward,

Dear Sir:-

We have gone over your copy for Booklet very carefully
and beg to quote as follows:

We figure approximately 184 pages, size of
book to be 6 1/8 by 9 1/4; Stock to
be same as your sample only without
deckle edge; book to be sewed in
sections, with paper cover; Composi-
tion to be similar to the sample
book submitted; Our price for
the job complete, ----- \$800.00
Corrections will be charged at \$1.35 per hour
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on twelve insert sheets, printed
from cuts furnished by you on
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These prices have been figured as accurately as
possible with the data furnished by you, but the exact price
may be a little more or less than quoted.

We will be very glad to take this matter up further
when you are ready to place the order.

Thanking you for the opportunity of figuring, and
trusting that we may be favored with the order, we remain

Very truly yours,

John A. Phillips

GHW-B.
Copy returned herewith.

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A CRITICAL REVIEW OF WAR AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

PUBLISHED AND EDITED BY

SIGMUND KRAUSZ

332 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, ROOM 2042

CHICAGO

Sept. 25. 1915

Mr. Howland Wood

New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 16. inst. and since it implies that my Ms. has met with your approval (otherwise you should not have asked for printers estimates) I hope that the council will act favorably on it.

I am quite anxious as to the result of their deliberations and, as promised, hope to hear from you soon in regard to it.

Yours very sincerely

Sigmund Krausz



BROADWAY, AT 156TH STREET
NEW YORK

Oct. 13, 1915.

Mr. E. T. Newell

Chairman, Publication Committee,

Dear Mr. Newell:-

I am herewith submitting figures on the book by Mr. Kraucz, on the Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome. I submitted the book to two printers, T. R. Marvin & Son, Boston and John A. Philips of this City. Both had the same specification which are as follows:- 184 pages, size of type, type page, same as the small International Medallie Exhibition Catalogue, printed on Berkshire text paper, 500 copies, sewed back, paper cover glued. Marvin's estimate is between \$550 and \$600. Philip's estimate is \$800. These prices are for an unillustrated book. As we do not know yet how many, or the kind of illustrations we would want, it is almost impossible to give any figure, but I had Marvin figure out approximations of several propositions to include cuts. They will be found in the letter from Marvin attached herewith. A letter from Philip is also attached.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood



Press Club of Chicago

26 N. DEARBORN ST.

PHONE RANDOLPH 2956-7-8

332 Michigan Ave.

Chicago, November 18. 1915

Mr. Howland Wood

c/o A.N.S., Broadway & 156. str., New York

My dear Mr. Howland:

Since writing you on Sept. 25. in relation to my Ms.,
"The Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome" I have been anxiously awaiting to
hear from you as to the action of the council re publishing same.

I suppose that you would have informed me if something
had been done in the matter, but I am so eager to know the result that
I shall ask you to have the kindness to let me know when I may ex-
pect an answer.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours sincerely

S. Krausz



Press Club of Chicago

26 N. DEARBORN ST.

PHONE RANDOLPH 2956-7-8

332 S. Michigan Ave.

Chicago, November 18. 1915

Mr. Edw. T. Newell

Plaza Hotel, New York

My dear Mr. Newell:

Since writing you last on July 26. in relation to my Ms. "The Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome" I have been anxiously waiting to hear from the A.N.S. as to the action of the council re publishing same.

I wonder whether you know what has been done in the matter. I am so eager to know the result that I shall ask you to have the kindness to inquire and inform me when I may expect a definite answer.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very sincerely

J. Kraus

November 22, 1915.

Mr. S. Krausz

332 Michigan Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have been intending to write you for the last two weeks simply to tell you that the Council has taken up your manuscript and discussed it quite fully and have put it off until their next meeting.

I will write you later just what their decision is. As it stands now they have reached no decision one way or the other.

I remain,

Very truly yours,



Press Club of Chicago

26 N. DEARBORN ST.

PHONE RANDOLPH 2956-7-8

Room 2042, 332 S. Michigan
Avenue, Chicago.

December 29, 1915

To the Council of The American Numismatic Society

New York

Dear Sirs:

In the course of last summer, I submitted to your society, at the hands of Mr. Edw. T. Newell and Mr. Howland Wood, a manuscript entitled "The Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome". This work, a product of four years of labor, has been approved of by two Chicago University professors of Latin and Archaeology and, both, Mr. Newell and Mr. Howland, I believe, have recognized its merit as a reference work for students and collectors.

The latter two gentlemen have informed me that your body will have final decision as to its publication, which I have requested as a matter of numismatic interest, especially in view that a similar work has never been published in the United States and that it should be printed under the auspices of the foremost numismatic body of America.

This work has been to me a labor of love and I do not expect to make any money out of it, leaving the arrangements, as far as the financial end is concerned, entirely to you. I believe that it will, under no conditions, be a losing proposition, as every library of standing in the English-speaking world, every Numismatic Society and numerous collectors and students will be the purchasers of a fairly good edition.

Since half a year has passed since I submitted the manuscript, I think it only courtesy to the author that I should be informed as to the stand the Council of the A.N.S. takes towards my request for publication.

Awaiting your kind reply, I am Yours very sincerely

January 13th, 1916.

Mr. Sigmund Krausz,
332 S. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Krausz:-

After receiving the estimates on your manuscript from various printing houses in this part of the country, the Publication Committee laid the matter in due course before the Council of The American Numismatic Society for action thereon.

After due consideration, and going very thoroughly into the matter, the Council came to the conclusion that it would not be wise for the Society to undertake the publication of this work at the present time.

This should not be considered as detracting from the merits of the work, as the members of the Council realize that it would be most useful and valuable to collectors of Roman coins.

I am therefore returning the manuscript by express prepaid, and trust that it will reach you safely.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Publication Committee.



Press Club of Chicago

26 N. DEARBORN ST.

PHONE RANDOLPH 2956-7-8

332 S. Michigan Ave.

January 17. 1916

Mr. Edw. T. Newell

Plaza Hotel, New York

Dear Mr. Newell:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13. inst. and of my Ms. "The Imperial Coinage of Rome." You may be sure that I was very, very much disappointed at the result of the councils deliberation, as I thought surely that, after keeping the Ms. for 6 months, the decision would be favorable.

Since you say that it is for financial reasons only that the A.N.S. cannot publish the book, I would be much interested to know the estimates of printers which the council has received. This may aid me much in my future efforts to have the work published. It would certainly be the disappointment of my life not to find a publisher in the United States where the work was conceived and where it really should appear under the auspices of a society devoted to numismatics, such as the A.N.S., even if the funds would have to be contributed or advanced by well to do collectors and dealers.

Awaiting your kind reply, I am

Yours sincerely,

S. Kraus

February 1, 1916.

Mr. Sigismund Krausz
332 S. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Newell has been turned over to me to answer as I have the data concerning it.

The specifications for your manuscript were as follows; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ X 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 184 pages, 500 copies, printed on Berkshire text paper, sewed back, paper cover glued without figuring plates. The best price we obtained was between five hundred and fifty and six hundred dollars. Printing plate pages, about nine dollars a page. No estimate at all was made on the cost of making the plates as we had not taken up at all the probable number of coins to be illustrated.

This matter of illustrating is very difficult to figure before hand because if made from illustrations from books the cost would be one price, if made from photographs, another price and if made direct from the coins or from plaster casts, still another price. The probabilities are that some would be made by all three methods.

I trust that these figures will be of use to you in any competitions you might make.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Sigmund Krausz

Room 512-118 North La Salle Street

Tel. Franklin 5896

Chicago, July 8. 1916

Mr. Howland Wood

Curator A.N.S., Broadway & 156. Str., New York

My dear Mr. Wood:

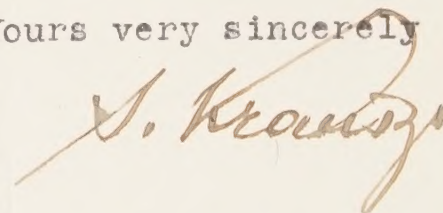
I am in receipt of an encouraging letter from the "Frederick A. Stokes Co." publishers, in relation to publishing my "Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome" and have referred them to you and Mr. Newell as to the merits of the book.

Should they write to you in the matter, I believe that your recommendation will help materially in deciding them to undertake the publication, and I sincerely hope that you will give the book a good sendoff as to its utility for students and collectors, its practical arrangement as a manual and its general merit.

Is it your intention to attend the annual convention of the A.N.A. in Baltimore, Sept. 23 - 27?

Thanking you in advance for anything you may do for me in this matter, I am

Yours very sincerely



July 10th, 1916.

Mr. Sigmund Krausz,
118 N. La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Krausz:-

Your favor at hand concerning your book on the Pre-Imperial Coinage of Rome. I trust that Frederick A. Stokes Company will publish this to your satisfaction. If they write us I will take great pleasure in recommending it.

As far as I know now I expect to go to the Convention in Baltimore..

I remain,

Yours very truly,